

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Rule 312 Amendment in which claims 6, 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, 30, 36 and 70 have been amended to correct typographical errors relating to an inadvertent change in units. No new matter has been added.

As of the Amendment dated February 8, 2005, the above-identified claims recited the correct units of measure. During preparation of the Amendment dated September 22, 2005, several of the units for micrometer “ μm ” inadvertently were changed to “mm” due to a word processor conversion error.

For the Examiner’s reference, claims 14, 17, 20, 21, 30 and 36 were indicated to be allowable in the Office Action dated March 31, 2005 based on the undistorted claims provided in the Amendment dated February 8, 2005. Claims 6, 12 and 70 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 76, which was unaffected by the translation error. Accordingly, the requested amendments do not raise any new questions relating to allowability.

For the above-identified reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the rewritten claims submitted above.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants’ attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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